

House Resolution 1328

By: Representative Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Mattie Harper Briscoe; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
3 with the passing of Mattie Harper Briscoe on November 6, 2011; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Briscoe was born on December 16, 1912 in south Atlanta, a beloved  
5 daughter of Bert and Rosa Harper; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Briscoe, born to two of the founding members of Central United Methodist  
7 Church, enjoyed a very active spiritual life as a Sunday school teacher and was a member of  
8 United Methodist Women and the ROSA Senior AARP; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Briscoe was united in love and marriage to Marc Briscoe, a U.S. military  
10 officer, and was blessed with two remarkable daughters, Marcia and Julie; and
- 11 WHEREAS, she graduated from Clark College in 1935 and was hired immediately to teach  
12 home economics and later algebra at her high school alma mater, Booker T. Washington, and  
13 went on to receive her master's degree in education from Atlanta University; and
- 14 WHEREAS, she traveled with her family to Japan and Germany when her husband was  
15 transferred, and taught in those places; and
- 16 WHEREAS, she retired after 35 years of touching and shaping the lives of thousands of  
17 students; and
- 18 WHEREAS, a "Delta Dear," Mrs. Briscoe was a member of the historic second line of the  
19 Sigma Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and one of the oldest living members of  
20 her prestigious sorority, and was recently inducted into the Atlanta Alumnae Chapter of the  
21 Delta Hall of Fame; and

22 WHEREAS, a dedicated volunteer, Mrs. Briscoe was a member of Joyman Wives, Quettes,  
23 YWCA, TBONS Neighborhood Association, Fulton County Council on Aging, Retired  
24 Teachers Association, the WEEDS Social Club, and served as a troop leader in the Girl  
25 Scouts of America; and

26 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her ideals, morals, and deep concern for  
27 her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to her  
28 family and friends were admired by others; and

29 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
30 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
31 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

32 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Mattie Harper Briscoe will long be  
33 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, wife, mother,  
34 grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune  
35 of knowing her.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
37 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Mattie Harper Briscoe and  
38 express their deepest and most sincere regret at her passing.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
40 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mattie Harper  
41 Briscoe.